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[Speaker 2]

I've got a list here that I made up of the different places you worked. I want you to take a look at it and see if there's anything here that you can fill in. I've got the departure will be on the right and when you arrive on the left.

Sometimes I've just got a basic frame that you may not have had a day in for particularly on.

[Speaker 1]

I think that that's true.

[Speaker 2]

Are you here to hear a lot?

[Speaker 1]

Yes, I think to do that. But not from that point.

[Speaker 4]

Yeah.

[Speaker 1]

It's got an environment. We went to Kent Clayton. We arrived at Kent Clayton and I couldn't wait to suffer.

I got that. Sterling. I went up to Sterling in the fall of 30 and then returned in the fall of 41.

So the process. And I can tell about three weeks. Second, you heard me.

I did that. And I got to about mid-September. And I left at the end of October.

But I had one full year. Camp Davis we moved to Camp Tyson. We arrived in February the 2nd and we were probably about three days in Kansas.

Camp Livingston, I have to look up where I left Camp Tyson in? March there. Yeah, March.

Okay, fine. And I don't have them with us. Yeah, but I miss it.

Oh, yeah. Yeah, Kent Smith. Just a moment.

Where is that box in here? There's a Bible in there. I think it has some dates in it.

Twenty-sixth slide of the document. You know what I read that day at Brown? But I don't know how it was all written 40 years ago now.

I don't know how it is. I think it was just in here somewhere. I'll write that in there.

I have to write Kent Price in the 50s. That's probably what that was. There must be some place out there.

I have a picture of Bob Maloney in there. These are notes that are taken while we're in the room. I have a copy of that.

Do you know where it's taken?

[Speaker 2]

I don't.

[Speaker 4]

Well, I have it somewhere.

[Speaker 2]

If you haven't run apart from it every time, it's no big problem. I just wanted to try that.

[Speaker 1]

I have a list, I thought, of the different Kents that were there. That's where I left Kent Smith's picture on the evening of the 27th of July.

[Speaker 2]

And then 24th.

[Speaker 1]

Left Kent Livingston on the 26th of June. Left Livingston on June 17th. I went to Camp Tyson on the 7th.

I'm sure I reported in for duty on the 8th. Go on the 9th. 10th.

Arrived at Livingston on the 10th of May. And left on June 17th. Left Livingston on the 25th.

I had a spurgoat. This was the unspent spurgoat. The Major gave it to the leader of the Kents as their little chaplain.

The basic order is to be put back to camp at once. The order came on the 25th. I went back and came on the 25th.

Left Kent Smith's picture. At Camp McCabe on the 27th of July. And reported in.

I was interrupted at that point. I never got back to it on the 9th. It made no problem.

I probably was maybe copying notes. But how long we were at Camp McCabe, I don't know.

[Speaker 2]

I have it here somewhere. You were at Camp McCabe about three months. That's about right.

And then you went to Camp Pope. That's right. And how long were you at Camp Pope?

We were supposed to go overseas. It was probably December.

[Speaker 1]

The 8th of December when we were deported. We got deported to Texas Spurgoat at Camp McCabe on the 27th of July. We were at McCabe probably as much as two years, two months at least.

And then Camp Pope. That would be the order probably September, 8th of December. I've been trying to do this.

[Speaker 2]

I've got it here. You were deported January 10th. Oh, that's right.

That's out of that. Okay. So that's what I was at Camp Pope.

What was it that you did? I've got some information that you told me about Camp McCabe. That's where you did the training for the crossing of the line.

[Speaker 1]

No, no, Camp Pope. Camp McCabe, this is where we joined the 24th Infantry Combat Group. And that called for a cadre of two chaplains.

And so once again I was with a chaplain. I was an assistant when we got to Camp McCabe. I don't think he was there when we came through here.

We went through. Basically we were continuing basic training. I've been training like engineer training at Camp McCabe because we were with a group headquarters.

McCabe, we basically had just a cadre as I recall. And we did a lot of what we called the drone work. We did a lot of big working out of the doors.

We didn't say that it probably doesn't work. Because as soon as the 10th and 40th moved, like drove to capacity, or they had their personnel, we moved to Pope, and that's where we trained on the commuter for the crossing of the line. So we probably weren't in McCabe more than a month or two.

I can move. I still have to. Camp Pope is in Louisiana.

Camp McCabe is in Mississippi.

[Speaker 2]

South of Mississippi. That's one of the things that I was telling you. You said you went to Boston.

You were on it all day, though, just that you were on the ship.

[Speaker 1]

We were up there on the 10th of January. We were about three to four days in town for most of it. And we left there at the end of the 18th.

Camp Miles-Stone was the name of the place. I can't think of it now. And we were there probably the night about the 14th of January.

I don't remember that long. And I grew up there on the 10th and the 14th and 15th. We left the 14th and we sailed there.

I was home. That was Boston. Like all the guys, there was just going to be a meeting at Camp Pope.

And they promised me a pass. And we waited for that for the most part. And I went home.

And the minister, who I was with my father, he drove me back to Boston. Terribly. And in my car.

And we stopped in Chickapee, Massachusetts. And we met with the minister, also a U.S. ambassador. And he took me on to Boston.

I said, Michael, son, where are you going to go? He said, well, I'm going to Washington. I said, well, I'm going to Washington.

He said, well, I'm going to Washington. And we got the offer. We got back to Boston.

How about you? No. We weren't there more than four or five days.

I should be right. But the 10th and the 14th, I was there probably longer than the 13th. Well, I think we sailed on the 18th.

But we couldn't get there more than five days.

[Speaker 2]

By the time I got back, I was ready to get on the ship. You figure your father died at that time.

[Speaker 1]

Well, I had been home on this, well, last time I saw him, he was on this cruise in Camp Stewart. He was going home to the coast. And that's not where I was going.

No, I drove home from Camp Cook to take my father home. And my father used to be a time-out fisherman. And so I didn't see that anymore.

And I went to my father's home. And he was ill at the time. But I didn't disagree with that cruise, that journey that I believe.

You know, I couldn't have done much better than what the pilots had to do for the funeral. They had to go to the pastor, they had to go to the pastor, they had to go back to the funeral.

[Speaker 2]

Oh, yeah.

[Speaker 1]

Oh, yeah. And I think he died the first day of the year.

[Speaker 2]

I remember seeing in the letter that there was a number of times where you were talking to the property or she told some of the horses.

[Speaker 1]

Oh, yeah, there was. But we still owned the farm. Yeah, we still owned the farm when he passed away.

They rented it, I believe. But I don't know that they sold it. That is the way I don't really remember.

It goes in my mind, and I just sort of said it back to me, that I had to leave. As I said, I had to go to the funeral for a long time.

[Speaker 2]

Did that make it harder, knowing that you were going overseas now, and your father passed away, and you had your mother left? Yeah.

[Speaker 1]

Well, yeah, of course. But I had three brothers that were there at the funeral time, and they were with me. And they had already moved out to the farm where they were living, and they were farming.

And as you can see, it was a family of three children that were living in Kansas. So, you know, two of my brothers were right there back at the end of my funeral. So, it wasn't anything that was completely wrong with our family.

[Speaker 2]

I remember you writing to your family about you and your sister. One of your brothers bought a car, and you were talking about your car, what was going to be done with your car, and what you wanted to see. Probably what his name was.

[Speaker 1]

The minister had it, and he took a photo of it, a picture of it, and you saw it. So, I remember.

[Speaker 2]

Yeah, yeah. I don't know what it was.

[Speaker 1]

But he was waving it, what to do with his car. Had it sold, or what did my brother say? I don't know.

It's so important.

[Speaker 2]

It's so important. You've recently been on a talk with your own shareholder, Mark Smith, just when you talked to him last night, when you went to the library in Kansas, all the way across. Was there anything you remember particularly?

While you were involved in the library, what were the problems there?

[Speaker 1]

Well, I don't remember particularly, but I don't think we had entirely beyond the shipboard maybe one Sunday, but we probably had some services on Sunday. I'm sure that he probably had lots of social conversations with a lot of people. But the space was very, very limited.

The ship was very, very full. I think that I was on the, somewhere, I think I felt that way, I was on the second pot in the bottom, and I think there were four of us, and the ship was filled, and we were on a ship. I can't remember the name of it, it was Santa Maria, I've forgotten the name.

Santa Maria. So it was very crowded, and very stormy, and very cold. Most people were wearing headscarves.

It was cold, but I don't remember because it had been very difficult. Many people on deck and on the boat, it was extremely stormy. It was very cold.

I don't remember myself, I went to the library and I was reading the same thing that I was doing when the ship finished and the doctor came and said, why don't you watch a movie and check out books and bring them back. It was a big thing. I liked it because I was going to see all the people that were on the boat.

I was pretty much on deck for a while. So I was actually talking to them for a few days and said, I don't want to see these people for a few days. I don't understand them.

I don't know. It was a horrible ride through the night. It was freezing.

It was the only thing that I actually saw that I didn't know what was going on. the boat was supposed to come up. Well, if I didn't tell you, we arrived across.

It was a full day life early in the morning offette at the harbor and the harbor It was completely destroyed, as I remember. It was dark enough to be built in 1880. And we came into the dark.

It's not going to be that funny. I'm scared to look at you. You can do it, so I don't care.

But anyhow, we were all supposed to unload the whole aircraft and we still didn't. Ryan and Adar, too, until late Easter. I believe we had one that we unloaded later that evening.

We got into an open system of trucks, that's what we called them, and we needed to get back what we could. And I and I believe two others got separated from the truck carrying our wagons, our headquarters. And when we got to what is said to be a story for like 25,000 years ago, it was a lot of snow.

I think it was 12,000 inches of snow. And we rode these open trucks until almost daylight, and then they couldn't find my unit. So I drove this open truck on all my wagons.

And finally, just before daylight, they called me and said, well, I was going to do it. I was going to do it. And by that time, all the other stuff was asleep.

And I remember telling them, I said, when you're up, you might as well get ready for the rest of the evening. Just afterwards. So we pushed the truck until we got in there, and I said, well, I was not going to be able to do anything.

But I did get up. And when we got to that, we rode this truck all night. And it was cold.

I was not even up to my shoes.

[Speaker 2]

I left those boots in a comfortable position.

[Speaker 1]

There were many benches, and I stood. I just stood and stood, stood all night. And the, I think I told you this, when we were at Christmas, the camp was on an abandoned, I guess on an abandoned German airport, airfield.

So when they had plans to invade the beach, when the snow melted, we were on the runway. And they were coming to the beach. But the mud was very devastating.

And one day, the information, I went over to Hitchcock, and I was expecting a ceremony in the reserve, and I met the Lutheran chaplain and I said, the camp crisis was briefly following the retreat. I don't remember his name, but I can't write it down. He was looking around, he was saying, my dear, you know, it was much sooner.

He worried me, and I said, you know, the camp crisis was much sooner, like a year and a half before we did it. And I had worked with the British at the time. I remember, you know, I interviewed and had the assistance of people who had been very helpful assistance.

And I think that's why I came to Hitchcock. Let me stop that there just for a minute. no matter how much chaplains experienced the faith camps, they must have been there well enough that they must have had some services in most of the facilities and a lot that we were in.

And it was snowing and cold and we didn't have much to keep warm. And I remember going out and trying to find wood to build some kind of fire in the camp and try to find an unfilled and mostly places and mostly clothes and that kind of thing. And we were digging ditches and trying to drain all the water that was covered with mud and it was not enough to drain the water.

And we were going back to the coal mill to get the water away from the coal mill. I don't remember any particular services outside. I remember I used to say there was no water left between the water and mud.

And we didn't have anything to keep warm and we would go on challenging ourselves to get some wood. And I'll see whether I have more than that so I'll get some wood. I'll get all kinds of wood.

[illegible]

Because I was riding my Jeep, and Jeff was riding his, and we took the overnight at St. Kenton.

[Speaker 3]

And then we drove to Paris. Paris was pretty.

[Speaker 1]

We came back though, we came through there, I don't know, and from there, I think we spent one more overnight. But maybe not. Maybe the next night we would stop in St. Kenton. Maybe in that restaurant at St. Kenton. So we would come from St. Kenton, more or less this time, riding in a motorcycle and riding in a moor. Maybe we did, I'm not sure.

Anyhow, that was our destination. Well, our destination was to Mont-Sainte-Anne. We spent an overnight at the spa.

And then we got up the next morning to go to Mont-Sainte-Anne. That's the beauty of riding from Mont-Sainte-Anne. Not Mont-Sainte-Anne, but a Catholic church in Chapel.

Well, anyhow, that's where we were going from Mont-Sainte-Anne. We spent the night at the spa. It was the most romantic.

And I knew it was there, and so I returned to the spa. I came to Bonn. I returned to riding.

And I went to the dorm. I went back to the unit before the dorm room. By the time I got back to the spa, I think it was in March or something, I think I have that date.

I asked for the station at the spa. It was in September.

[Speaker 2]

Oh, that is remarkable.

[Speaker 1]

I was still working on the commode, where we were supposed to use the bell tower. And we were from Athens to June. So when we first got there, we had troops to patrol this direction.

And we were now in refinement. We had the means to leave the fortified. I was located where I was supposed to be.

No, you had two questions. Yeah. Did I give you enough information?

[Speaker 2]

Yeah, that gives me an idea about where we're going.

[Speaker 1]

Of course, as I told you before, we do our supplies by the grocery store here at the spa. And then I was not supposed to go somewhere else. My address fell.

I went to Oberheim at Maastricht. And there was a man called Bob Levine. He was the chairman of Lindbergh.

It's a Lindbergh church. That's a different name. It's a Lindbergh down here.

Isn't it beautiful? We got off the interstate here in 1985. I never got a view of the castle.

I used to see it. But very remarkable. That's where the bridge was.

One time, probably going down a hill. That's a good man. He took a life.

Took a life? Yeah. Actually, it was probably the other church.

I didn't go to that church. Yeah, I've been a mailer. I remember I took a life.

I think it was in 1950. They sent a lot of people down to pick you up and lift you up.

[Speaker 3]

Yeah.

[Speaker 1]

And they threw you off the elevator. They did a little bit. It was in Fort Eden.

I took a life. And she found out I was married. So, she thought she was no good after that.

She quit. I quit. So, I ended up looking up after the church.

So, I ended up in Australia. I ended up on the same side as the United States. It was all good.

Yeah. It was a work. It would be within a thousand pounds you could put a home.

It must have been.

[Speaker 2]

I'm just going to go through. This is something from the first interview. It's kind of like a note pad.

It's something that I'll have to ask you about again. I just want to go through your name. I'm curious to find out what that's supposed to mean.

You talked about the advice that you had. I'd like to start with this story. You took the first step.

You didn't have any church music. You didn't have any.

[Speaker 1]

No. I don't have any music.

[Speaker 2]

I would have had a couple. That's not the point of the question.

[Speaker 1]

I think the right thing to have. I don't think it was perfectly true. As soon as someone grew in respect to the system, they just presumed it would be a musician.

I'm not able to put a command on all this.

[Speaker 2]

And then you started. I put a cap on it.

[Speaker 1]

You did. I did. I did.

I did. I did. I did.

I did. I did. I did.

I did. I did. I did.

I did. I did. I did.

I did. I did. I did.

[Speaker 2]

Oh, no.

[Speaker 1]

I would guess I would have a half a dozen. At the moment. This was before the war.

Most people probably would have signed up if they had to. I was expected to be here for a month, and I chose this place to be here. And at that time, we were told that there was a training, that there was a possibility of being commissioned as a chaplain.

And it was, because chaplains are doctors for instance.

[Speaker 2]

And this would have been just under wartime, I presume.

[Speaker 1]

Yeah, right. Lectures on how we would, you know, chaplain in a group.

[Speaker 2]

About paperwork that would be involved.

[Speaker 1]

And this turned out to be good. I mean, we took the correspondence, the chaplains, they'd take out the chaplains' report. They'd make out the chaplains' report.

And when I wasn't with the chaplains, I quite often would find the nurses, the company clerks. I was told when I was coming home, and I said to David, I read that I'd been working on these papers. If you were ready to come home, it would be a good thing for all of you.

[Speaker 2]

You were international. International.

[Speaker 1]

Well, the chaplain was a commissioned officer. This would be like looking up and filling in the nomination list and having to see who served a particular position. He'd find the nurses there, and he'd probably find the secretary.

It was more like that, except it was a specialty field. It carried its own rank, and as I said, if it was a specialty, you had to be fairly good at it. So he was a high-ranking non-commissioned officer.

But it did serve many opportunities. He hadn't done it in the military. He had done it in the military.

He was very, very good. But the chaplain wouldn't find too many, unless for some reason they were included by the chaplains' report. In some reports, they would normally be assisted through their legibility.

But otherwise, they would be coming up down in the first place because they were in the ministry. In the working range, it was much better than that, because I always had to put the services into chaplain welfare, and then we had to pay for it. Wednesday services, and daughter's school classes, and things like that.

We could not handle that either. But basically, the assistant wanted to assist the chaplain. He wasn't really the substitute to it.

The local dependencies changed this morning.

[Speaker 2]

Let me... And last October, yeah, let me pull this copy out here. There's a couple of things that I want to go over with you.

Matt says on here that he wrote this and... I guess this is the date that he wrote this out. August 16, 1949.

[Speaker 1]

Well, this was good, yes. But this has been taken up. Excerpts, I think, from other things I've written.

I'm back home in, I think, 1949. We were living in Pine Bush, New York, I think. And I probably took records that I have and typed up a, what do you know, a compile of things.

Of things that I wanted to describe and took out the information I thought I might keep. I guess, I won't remember. We'll never do that.

We'll see what happens when I get to New York. But that was in 1949 when I was living in Princeton. And we were living in Pine Bush, New York.

Probably had some things in here that I would have wanted to keep. But I typed that up. It says 1949, and I guess that's what it is.

[Speaker 2]

You talked about in here two things that I wanted to tell you about. When you moved out to the front, you stayed one night at the spot. I remember you said something about your office was just a few steps away from us when you finally went back.

[Speaker 1]

You still went back. Yes, in fact, I stopped by the fort.

[Speaker 2]

I looked exactly for our office. There it was. And then you went to North America.

And then you came home.

[Speaker 1]

Does it say what it is when you spent the second night on the road between Tampa to Stratton? Was there a second night? First night I'm sure was exciting.

[Speaker 2]

No, it just says this one was picked up from the Tampa spot. And then it says you were there for about a minute and then you went home. I guess that meant when you were back at headquarters you slept in it.

[Speaker 1]

At North America. Yes, I slept in the whole area that they kept in here.

[Speaker 2]

That would have been like on Friday night and on Wednesday night when you went back to the headquarters. But it was a chap who slept in the military quarters and I slept on the floor upstairs. You mentioned something in here about what was it like to make a coach.

Is that true? In your case, in particular, something that you learned up there that you learned up there or what was it you learned?

[Speaker 1]

I don't know. It must have been something I had written. I don't remember.

I must have written something. They held it home or I don't know.

[Speaker 2]

Maybe I have it now. So you were going between here and Rye and Spur and these other things.

[Speaker 1]

That's right. It's a good German map. I can pick it up.

I don't remember now because I still don't know about it. I don't remember that.

[Speaker 2]

I don't remember that.

[Speaker 1]

Incidentally, of course, the only thing that they had mentioned, I got it at let me see. I can't prove it. I can't prove it.

They didn't prove it. It's coming in the dairy. They don't remember it.

And I got we had metal tops and all and I stepped back and the cob hit me right here and I fell to the back and I threw my hand back right over the metal on the edge of the top and all the cobs fell off. So I went to the medics up there and they didn't go down there. And they never let me go down there.

It was just full of cobs. So I was about three weeks and I went back and they gave me an x-ray of it. I had three fractures.

That's medical science. I had three fractures. I had to take LSD and reflux.

They put me down every morning and there was a lot of hypotherapy. And I moved on. And I was over here and I had a good feeling about hypotherapy.

But it had never, never been fixed. So I had to sit down and rest a lot. So that's the only real injury I got.

And since I got over here I can't even get over there. You can't see. You can only go up and see.

It's purple.

[Speaker 2]

Purple. Where am I anyway? I think you've made the comment one time that you didn't find people very friendly.

At Malmö. Malmö. Yeah, that's the only place.

What about between the German border and Iran? Did you run across any?

[Speaker 1]

We didn't have that many contacts. You can't say outright. Usually when we're involved we don't have that many contacts.

We would see them but we didn't have contacts either. They would of course probably been unfriendly at that time. I knew some of these invaders but I didn't know about the invaders.

They may have thought that Hitler was very wrong. But still they were very active. At some time I think there was a change there.

[Speaker 2]

You did volunteer at some time if you had gone up to the funeral. What were you meant to do? I think you were working.

Oh yeah. I think that's right.

[Speaker 1]

We had gone and started columns for the mortgages. We got them started columns. This was afterwards.

[Speaker 2]

You were totally in one of the units at that time.

[Speaker 1]

Yes, that's right. All of them were probably after the banks with the lines. We just didn't have a choice.

But that's what I knew of until we got my mortgage. So we took it.

[Speaker 2]

Terrific. That was nice. It was okay to pick out some books at all.

The other experience that you talked about was when you were at the spa in the German... You found the German escapees.

[Speaker 1]

That's the background of this article.

[Speaker 2]

The... Did they gather from North Carolina during this time? Because you were going back to your hotel and somebody stepped out of an aisle.

[Speaker 1]

I observed... We got some things in the air because some civilian captain arrived in Michigan and we woke him up and he cried. He screamed for me.

The guy in front of him and he turned around and said, You know, I can do this for you. And I thought that was it. Who was one of those guys?

Just a hoot. The German hooter in America.

[Speaker 2]

He's clever.

[Speaker 1]

He's a hooter.

[Speaker 2]

I drug you back in the alleyway.

[Speaker 1]

I was coming out. I was coming out. They stopped me in front of the...

In front of me and they were getting sidetracked by somebody else behind me and I had that. So I looked at the other guy and I said, What would have happened if I had been with him? It was the 70s.

[Speaker 2]

The 90s. Yeah. I remember being with them.

That must have been part of my experience. That was part of the real experience.

[Speaker 1]

Like, we were trying to... The only other time I remember was real close. I remember it was in Ashland.

I think it was five o'clock. But we were pulling back from the airfield building and stuff like that that I knew. I...

A unit was going in with infantry, and I think they came. And when they saw our children, they hailed behind in their feet. I mean, the roads were jammed.

And our children's trailers were just bound up and down. We met, we brought a convoy of these children, and I said, This is that one truck right here, the right side of it. It was loaded with the cannon on it.

It left the ground and whirled around, and then, well, the cannon took off the sideview mirror off my cheek. I said, I don't know what that was. I said, it probably was.

So they probably just whipped me in the sideview mirror. And my wife said, did you know? I said, no.

[Speaker 2]

Now, when you were at SPA, we talked about the different types of entertainment that you had there for the kids, movie theaters, dance floors, and so on. Did you as a chaplain really have anything to do with those, or did those administrators just buy another office?

[Speaker 1]

We didn't have anything as far as direction. We went to, in the early days, we didn't have any responsibility. When it came to securing outside entertainment, using the Red Cross and our office, we found out we were the only ones.

If you wanted somebody from outside, you know, we were entertaining it like Babel. People did come over to provide the recreation, or entertainment for the kids. And sometimes, maybe, well, not very often, but we had to take that job.

Any time we was available there, we had physicians, we had police, the banks, we had everybody here. We didn't really have the food. But it was part of what they needed.

Part of it. We didn't have too many looks at that. I'm sorry to hear this, but I don't remember having anything to do with it.

But we always had somebody who called you to keep an eye on things, if they were working.

[Speaker 2]

Now, you helped find somebody else? Well, we had a lot of help.

[Speaker 1]

I mean, we had a cabinet of officers, and these weren't really our responsibilities, except the kind of job that the Red Cross did, which got me into the service. We probably had a recreational officer.

[Speaker 2]

And you said something that kind of sparked my interest, the last time, about you had a very, very dispersed office, too, at the time.

[Speaker 1]

It's not always what it was called, but certainly, if you didn't have one, it was kind of like there wasn't a hundred percent of it. And if we had to find somebody, we would go to the secretary there, and they would be supportive, and they would do it.

[Speaker 2]

And like, if you and Beth and Paul went out to hold a funeral, or they did go by a cab, you could go there. Oh, I also couldn't because I was old.

[Speaker 1]

So, we did it all. And we had several times we went to the secretarial office, too, because we were the only chapters in the area, at the time. Because when you mentioned that there was a squad, and you mentioned that there were a few groups in the middle, I suppose.

[Speaker 2]

Yeah.

[Speaker 1]

And there were a few officers, but I didn't know who they were.

[Speaker 2]

And then was the captain responsible for registering that? No, that was done by a different station.

[Speaker 1]

So, like, all the information of the servicemen would be looked at by them. Because that's what we needed to do. And so, I don't think there was no security.

They didn't have any. But later, when we were in the squad, there was somebody from one of those groups. The group that was in the middle.

[Speaker 2]

You mentioned mile numbers, and it was, if you went through, and it was destroyed, and you went through on a trip with Captain Cole, at that time. This probably was stationed at Scott, and you all were going somewhere, and this was probably right after we came back to Scott.

[Speaker 1]

Or it could have been right after that. Probably. Well, after we got back to Scott, either.

But, I found a little out of order. It might have been when we were at North and West. It might have been when we were at North and West, probably.

We weren't there. I came for a while, and when we were there, we were doing basic engineering. We needed a workshop, and I just told you in the news that we had almost no training to go to.

And in Cancun, we went to demolitions, and I had another chapel, so I was pretty sure we were going to have a workshop. We were out in the field almost all the time, but we still had a workshop. And the reason that I went there was that I was pretty much like you should imagine when you get out of the field, you're all together, and you're all talking about each other.

Oh, yes. And being a short period, I looked under the soldiers who were shot when I went back home to Canada. It was a very short time, but we did have a chapel.

And I was looking around, and I stopped and said, well, what, we've got some training, we've got some service, and I didn't need to go. If you probably had a service center in San Diego that we all drive to, you'd be able to get there early. You probably wouldn't be able to get there before noon.

You probably can't pull through to noon. You probably can't pull through to see me. And a lot of the time, you'll be able to get there.

And we have traffic for most of the time. And a lot of the time, you'll be able to get there early. And I live in Wisconsin.

Oh, Wisconsin. I live in Wisconsin. I live in the city of Rivers, right?

[Speaker 2]

Rivers. That's a good job. One thing I want to ask you guys.

You mentioned that Captain always had the portable backroom. He had a portable organ. He had a USB.

I know a fair amount of you will say, oh, he doesn't. Captain said the issue is pretty much a condo. A condo?

Yeah. You have condos? I don't know many.

[Speaker 1]

I don't think you've heard that.

[Speaker 2]

I don't know very much.

[Speaker 1]

Probably in a chapel experience. I'm thinking as well of what we call a ribbon. We have a cart that you can take home.

And they have the portable organ. And we got the paper. But what do we do with it?

[Speaker 2]

Did you find paper that could play when you're out next to the river?

[Speaker 1]

It's not too often out in the field. In this country, yes. But in the field overseas, I doubt if we ever had a USB.

Oh, yes, we had a protractor, too. We had a protractor. What was the name of it?

It was a good one. What's your name? Hal.

Hal? Hal. No, Hal.

No, Hal. That's what we did. Did you have a movie to show?

Not always. But we had this protractor that we had. And we did the same thing.

And we turned it on. I doubt if we turned it on because I never see it. But we turned it on because I was trying to ask for leaves.

And we were being asked to do the leaves. And it took a while. But I don't think we turned it on.

All three of us had that protractor. That's what we were doing. That's what we were doing.

Sure, it was a good thing.

[Speaker 2]

We had the chopper. No use dragging it out. But we didn't have it.

No, we didn't. No, we didn't. And we used our operators up, too.

That was part of the reason. What's your name?

[Speaker 1]

Arthur. Arthur. Marcinek was right east of us.

Not west of us. About two miles from the German border, off in the east. And we came in 85 from Poland.

We came. We went right by the Autobahn. This is Autobahn.

We went right on the outskirts of Poland. We went to Dura. We went to Dura in 1945.

Are there any of the little places that I recall that won't go through to you? Because I don't see them. I can't think of them in the video.

[Speaker 2]

Most there are. A lot of them.

[Speaker 1]

I believe one of my letters mentions Eischweiber. Eischweiber, but I'm not sure about it. I believe it was in the Godfather's book, but I don't think I can think of it.

I think our headquarters were right there across the line. I think we were there, what, a month and a half, when we were at Wurzburg. Arthur and I got secured there.

There's a little rural river. We were up and down this area last year. We were heading for the Rhine.

There was one certain view. Here's Spassk, right here. We came out of here with Moslem.

St. Jude. We were in St. Jude. I didn't see any of the little villages in Germany that I remember.

Yes, I did, because it was very big. Probably, probably. It's not very big.

The clinic's different. One of the girls that we looked up in 1985, the two sisters that lived this farm, when I married a German, when my husband was deceased, she lives at the clinic's with her. This was kind of like a...

There's Betzlar. That's where I was. After we went, There were a lot of bobs.

Yeah. It seemed like half the city was in that way. That's where I was when the clinic was closed.

I think that's Sadat. Yeah, I guess that's Sadat. When we went up, we weren't there.

We got lost in 1985, too. And we got off at Lindbergh, and turned the wrong way, and headed back towards... ..towards Koblenz. We got off at Lindbergh. And then, oh, Lindbergh. We got going back this way.

When we got back on the main street, the autobahn again got off, and we went over to Marlborough. And there was a man against a bad balloon, that's what I think. When we came back, Francis goes, we get on this interstate, and we're going to a geese park.

I have a picture of him, sitting on the bridge at Mannheim, I remember. It was a geese park. Do you know what it's called?

Sanford. Oh, oh, I'm too far down. Okay, we're heading for this one.

It's right here in Franklin, this one. I'm too far down. And she found me, we were on this interstate, autobahn, and we came right down this one.

And that's what we did. Went through the country, from the country, driving over to this autobahn, and came right down here, right to... We spent two nights at this one, and took care of it.

And then, when we got to Heidelberg, I went to... I saw him. There's Geneva.

We got to Heidelberg. And he came over. I said, well, where are you going?

He said, Geneva?

[Speaker 2]

No, I don't know. Not Heidelberg?

[Speaker 1]

No. We came right down here. And then I said, well, what happened to Geneva?

He said, well, here we are. Here we are. 35 left to East.

We came down here. Then we switched to Boston. And we came down here.

That's not all. We spent the day there, three days. This is it.

And... We drove up to North Holland. And I said, well, there's no interest at the moment.

Just... I picked up the... Charminix.

That's it. Charminix. That's a ski area.

I got a ton of them in Montmobile. And we came to Italy. There was nothing else.

And when we left, we drove to Wiesenchron. I picked up the... Albany Express.

It was very interesting. It's a big airport. Yeah.

This is it. I don't care if it's a little bit of a shortcut to the U.S. I'm pretty used to it. It's possibly a little bit of a wall.

But that's the way it is. It's a little bit of a community. It's a little bit of a vehicle.

But it's just about as good as it gets. We're down at 7th Street. The river was...

North of here. It's all out of the picture. But I hope it's important.

What a place. I'm a real winger. Every year, I'm just coming through.

There were just numbers of people. One, two, three. We didn't get the money for the medication.

We didn't get anybody. We just got help. That was a cheering part of the trip.

All the people. There was a lot of help in there.

[Speaker 2]

One thing that I didn't want to ask you about, we had looked at a brochure earlier that I think you had gotten, I think, about Henry Chappelle. Oh, yes. I'd like to look at that again.

I could get the figures on it. You can take a look at it if you want. Let me do that and I can make a copy of it.

If you can find it, he can have it. No, it won't make that trip. It may.